Assistance for Social Forestry

189. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing/assisting the States in social forestry for the benefit of rural people;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of assistance rendered to Orissa in the last two years and the targets achieved; and

(c) what pilot schemes have been formulated/proposed to be formulated for more assistance for social forestry in Orissa, considering the extent of damage caused to trees in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests does not provide assistance to the State Governments exclusively for Social Forestry. The States are assisted by the Central Government for implementing afforestation programmes through centrally-sponsored schemes with peoples' participation including usufruct sharing. Details of the assistance provided to States, including Orissa, during the last two years under the afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests are given in Statement-I (*See* below). The targets and achievements for afforestation and tree planting activities for the last two years for Orissa monitored under the 20 Point Programme which includes social forestry are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) Under the ongoing Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, seven new projects for afforestation have been sanctioned during 1999-2000 in cyclone hit districts of Orissa at a total cost of Rs. 1061.72 lakhs for the Ninth Plan Period for treating an area of 1730 hectares.

Statement-I

Financial Assistance provided to the States during 1997-98 *to* 1998-99

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Andhra Pradesh	191.27	276.71
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	71.21	19.94
3.	Assam	138.85	147.95
4.	Bihar	134.84	66.38
5.	Goa	13.22	13.87
6.	Gujarat	230.29	242.8
7.	Haryana	292.68	409.18
8.	Himachal Pradesh	170.71	114.48
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	387.04	494.19
10.	Karnataka	387.73	184.46
11.	Kerala	232.67	310.31
12.	Madhya Pradesh	607.6	849.58
13.	Maharashtra	184.97	165.85
14.	Manipur	216.3	469.07
15.	Meghalaya	77.11	108.26
16.	Mizoram	262.02	243.46
17.	Nagaland	0	15.23
18.	Orissa	139.14	348.69
19.	Punjab	256.18	62.81
20.	Rajasthan	605.47	663.05
21.	Sikkim	193.59	343.08

Sl. No.	State	1997-98	1998-99
22.	Tamil Nadu	133.45	135.26
23.	Tripura -	165.65	106.46
24.	Uttar Pradesh	450.86	590.62
25.	West Bengal	171.79	354.29
	Total	5714.64	6735.98

Statement-II

Targets/Achievements for Afforestation Activities under 20-Point Programme for Orissa During 1997-98 to 1998-1999

Area in Hectares
Seedlings in Lakhs

1997-98				1998-99			
Targets		Achievements		Targets		Achievements	
SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTION (For Planting on pvt. lands)	AREA (public lands including forest lands)	SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTION (For Planting on pvt. lands)	AREA (public lands including forest lands)	SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTION (For Planting on pvt. lands)	AREA (public lands including forest lands)	SEEDLINGS DISTRIBUTION (For Planting on pvt. lands)	AREA (public lands including forest lands)
300	79000	436.70	838.25	300	87000	234.12	62243